

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

***Arlington School Committee
Standing Subcommittee: Community Relations
Friday, October 21, 2016
4:30 PM***

*Arlington High School
School Committee Room
869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor
Arlington, MA 02476*

Open Meeting

Public Participation

Approval of draft minutes form May 31, 2016

Update on Dashboard

What do we want to do this year on later start times for middle school and high school?

Think about the year and what we want to do about forums, etc.

Adjournment

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair; which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.

Submitted by Cindy Starks Subcommittee Chair



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

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ATTACHMENTS:

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▢ Minutes	05_31_2016_School_Committee_Minutes_draft.docx	May 31 2016 Draft Comm Relations Minutes

Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 5/31/16

Meeting was brought to order at 4:30 pm

In attendance:

- Linda Hansen
- Jennifer Suisse
- Cindy Starks
- Kathy Bodie
- Julie Dunn
- Scott Lever
- Len Kardon
- Bill Hayner

1.) No public participation

2.) Calendar Survey Results

- a. Jennifer updated us on the outcomes of the survey from parents
- b. Linda updated us on the outcomes of the survey from Unit A teachers
- c. Much was discussed
- d. It was decided that from the survey, the only recommendation to the full committee is as follows:

We recommend that we investigate the later start time at the middle & high schools by reopening negotiations with the teacher's union following this schedule:

- i. School year 16/17 – negotiate, discuss, investigate
- ii. School year 17/18 – get out the plan to all and plan how to deal with all possible scenarios
- iii. School year 18/19 – change goes into effect

3.) Dashboard – Julie showed us the draft of the new dashboard – it is so visual and amazing! Still some work left to do, but really well organized. Members made recommendations and much discussion about different information that would be useful to have. The plan is to roll this out in the fall of 2016, so we will have another meeting to look at something more final in the future.

4.) Community Forums, discussions, and information sessions – there was much discussion about the need for information getting passed on as well as forums where many ideas and voice are heard. Scott brought forth many great ideas about potential topics for discussion and school committee and Dr. Bodie had many ideas for information sessions. One thing we want to make sure is that we do not overload people – we have to have the right topics and the right timing to make sure people get information and are involved. The school committee and the superintendent want to have a discussion and information session in the fall concerning the curriculum and common core, especially to educate people before the November election where they may very possibly be a question about common core. Scott's ideas were much higher level, wanting to discuss topics such as "How do we

measure success in the Arlington Public Schools?" and "How do we support success in the Arlington Public Schools?" and "What is our vision for Arlington Public Schools?". These are all great topics, but would involve many meetings and discussions and so it was decided that we would continue discussing what could be done to have these discussions and how to best start having the series of conversations that should be had around them. The school committee is also interested in having discussions around testing and what is enough and what form it should take. It was decided that this discussion needed to be continued and we all agreed to make sure that it was on the agenda for the next Community Relations Subcommittee meeting so that we could continue this brain storming.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.